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PACKETS THROUGH A NETWORK OF  
COMMUNICATING OBJECTS"**

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**Group Art Unit : 2661**

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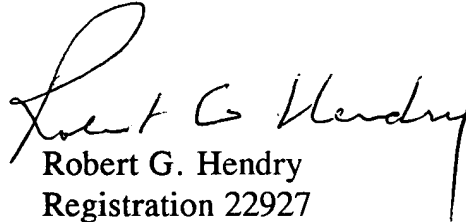
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Applicant respectfully requests that these references be entered into the record of this application. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate area on the enclosed copy of PTO Form 1449, thereby indicating consideration by the Examiner of each of these references.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the references identified herein, and requests timely and favourable examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted



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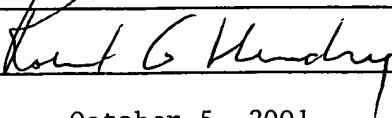
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